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**LAUGHING AT THE LAW.**

Astoria is supposed to be a "closed town," at least to the extent that dance halls have been eliminated, the saloons closed hermetically on Sunday, and all gambling abated in the city. As to dance halls alone does she fit the bill of legal requirement. As to gambling, and open saloons on Sunday, there need be no two opinions of any sort. These two infractions of the law are practiced steadily; so steadily, and recklessly, as to preclude the possibility of the police and other law officers of the city and county knowing nothing about it. It is a matter of amusement in some circles; and in others a matter of contemptuous indifference.

It is up to the authorities to enforce the law or throw the town wide open again. There is one fundamental reason for the application of one of these two courses: That is, that equal justice may be done to all who owe literal observance to the law as it stands. There are many, indeed, the majority, of the saloons in Astoria, that are actually obeying the Sunday closing statute, making no attempt to evade it or break it; and common justice demands that the willful violators be compelled to get in line, or that the embargo be taken off altogether, that those who are abiding by the law may not lose the advantage the others are taking.

Of course there is but one correct and popular thing to do, and that is to cut politics out, and inject a fraction of justice and sense into a situation that is destined to become intolerable. The farce is too plain to be misread by any man in the city; and the common council, the police commission, the police department, and the shrievalty, had best get together on a basis of decency and justice, and work for the public good awhile, leaving their jealousies and political differences to the electorates of June and December, next.

If any of them think they are bamboozling the people they are wretchedly mistaken; the whole rotten situation is thoroughly understood, and what of efficacy may be lacking in the solution from timely and friendly advice such as this, may be supplied by the more effectual remedy of local option invoked as a dernier resort.

Gambling is hardly disputed by anyone familiar with the real conditions, though its latitude is circumscribed to limits fixed by the sporting banker's confidence in his patron; in other words, no one is allowed to play who cannot be trusted to keep his mouth shut. Beyond this there seems to be no barrier, legal nor otherwise.

**NEEDS QUICK AMENDMENT.**

There is ample ground for complaint against a condition of affairs which has long existed at the United States weather bureau station at North Head, on the Washington shore of the mouth of the Columbia river, and from whence the technical data is taken, for observatory purposes, and which is supposed to govern the published reports of weather conditions put out by the federal authorities.

For a year, or more, the machine that registers the velocity of the winds passing that point, has been working improperly; in fact, it has always recorded that velocity at 30 per cent beyond the actual stress of the wind. This is known at the station and at Washington, as well; but the operators at North Head have always been under strict orders to report, and publish, this wind record, just as it is recorded there, on the assumption that the corrections will be duly made at the head office in Washington, D. C.

Upon this silly, red-tape predicate, the general public and especially the mariners and those interested in the coming and going of deep-water vessels, are permitted to make an admittedly wrong reading of the wind conditions, which are thus erroneously published at our very doors day by day, and corrected by the experts 3000 miles away, long after the reading avails good to anyone.

It is not only a piece of departmental buncombe and utterly unnecessary; but it does a rank injustice to the reputation of the coast, the bar, the entrance and the harbor, at Astoria; since a 90-

mile gale as registered at North Head and so published under the order alluded to, is, in reality but a 60-mile blow, and to this extent, is misleading and absolutely unfair to all concerned.

There is no secret made of the wanton provision requiring this false record; and we insist that steps be taken, now, to cure a state of affairs that has lasted far too long. We have a right to the actual record of the hour, in this, as in all other elements of the public service; and relief from the injustice imposed.

**SOLVE US THE RIDDLE!**

We are up against the old, time-encrusted conundrum that has puzzled the Astoria public these years, to wit; "Why does the Astoria Police Commission transact its public business in star-chamber secrecy?"

We are not insisting upon an answer, for the traditions of that body would be instantly shattered if any such concession were made to the public in whose behalf it is supposed to exist and operate; but, all the same, we are putting the question, for the several-hundredth time, just to show that it is NOT yet answered.

Just why this insignificant element of municipal melange has to maintain the dignity and remoteness of a cabinet body, is beyond conjecture here; or why its deliberations are so delicate, so profound, so important, so fraught with reactionary possibilities, that the public is forced to merely take the "record" and know nothing of the methods and people and causes wherewith its deals, and how it deals with them, is a puzzle that beggars the intricacy and popularity of "How Old is Ann?"

No other public commission or institution in the service of Astoria or Clatsop county, pretends to bar out the people of the city or county from the sessions held in the public behalf; and we would like to see a healthy tone of sentiment here that would shatter this farce without more ado, and what we can do to create that sentiment will be done from this time on.

**A BUSINESS BLUNDER.**

When a man, who is conducting a business which brings him largely and constantly in ultimate touch with the general public, and especially when he caters to that public's amusement or entertainment, attempts to take that public into his confidence on any plea of business misunderstanding, or imposition, or contention, right, or wrong, he commits an unforgivable solecism.

This blunder was made at the Astoria opera house on last Saturday night. Without passing upon the merit of the complaint made to the whole house, in the very midst of an enjoyable performance, it is quite enough to say that no auditor takes any stock in anything that warps his interest from the course of indulgence to which he has put himself for the evening, and for which he has paid his money.

No excuse will be received for such a blunder and the simplest way to recover from a predicament of the sort is to commit the gaudier but once in a managerial career.

**DOCTOR THE ITCH WHERE THE ITCH IS.**

Don't Dose the Stomach to Cure Eczema and Other Skin Diseases.

Those afflicted with Eczema, psoriasis, salt rheum, or other skin diseases of a similar nature, should never dose the stomach to rid themselves of the terrible itch. They should doctor the itch where the itch is—cure the skin through the skin, not through the stomach.

Eczema and other diseases of a kindred kind are skin diseases—not blood diseases. Science has shown that Eczema is cured by germs in the skin, and that the disease can be eradicated only by killing the germs.

Dr. Decatur D. Dennis was one of the first physicians to follow out the germ theory, by mixing oil of wintergreen with other soothing agents he had a liquid prescription which killed the germs and cured the awful itch, leaving the skin white and smooth. Since that time this D. D. D. Prescription has been the standard remedy for skin diseases, just as D. D. D. soap is the standard high grade skin soap.

The first few drops of D. D. D. give instant relief from the terrible itch and from the frightful burning of the diseased skin. So reliable is this D. D. D. Remedy that hundreds of physicians prescribe it. It is a wash as thin as water and as mild and as pure, which is applied to the diseased portion of the skin.

Mrs. Frances Richmond of Milton, Trimble county Kentucky, writes:

"My little girl's fingers were sore almost to the bone from Eczema. I used part of the sample bottle of D. D. D. Prescription received from you and now they are well. It is a wonderful skin remedy."

We carefully investigated this D. D. D. Prescription before recommending it to our neighbors and patrons, and after a long experience we are more than ever convinced of its wonderful merits.

Charles Rodgers, Astoria Oregon.  
You needn't decide now, but call at our store anyway and we will show you how this D. D. D. Prescription gives instant relief from itch.

**HELD DARK CHAMBER SESSION**

POLICE COMMISSIONERS REFUSE TO ADMIT NEWSPAPERMEN TO TRIAL OF POLICE OFFICERS FOR MISCONDUCT.

The police commission held a secret meeting, in the private office of the city auditor yesterday afternoon. No newspapermen were allowed to attend the meeting, and a request for admittance, by one, was answered by the chief of police, who was acting as bailiff, that it was a private meeting and that information as to the proceedings could be secured from the chairman of the commission after the session. Why the meeting, which was really the trial of two police officers charged with misconduct by the chief of police, and the trial of one them on a charge of slander, preerred by the other, should be held in a dark chamber manner, is a question asked by many. The witnesses were called in one at a time and the greatest secrecy preserved.

Charges had been preferred by Chief Gammal against Officers Roy Twombly and Thos. Linville in which he accused them of boisterous and ungentlemanly conduct, in the police station, said conduct being prejudicial to the discipline of the department.

Officer Twombly had also preferred a charge against Officer Linville of having slandered him in the presence of others in the police station, that Linville had said that Twombly was a disreputable person using two terms indicating utter depravity. Twombly also charged Linville with saying that a female relative of Twombly was leading a wrong life and that Twombly was a party to it. No information as to the testimony given, or action to be taken, from the authorities ther than the statement that the testimony was taken in shorthand and that when it was transcribed it would be public property. That no further action would be taken until the return of Commissioner Foard who is absent from the city. Commissioners Page and Laurin were the commissioners present.

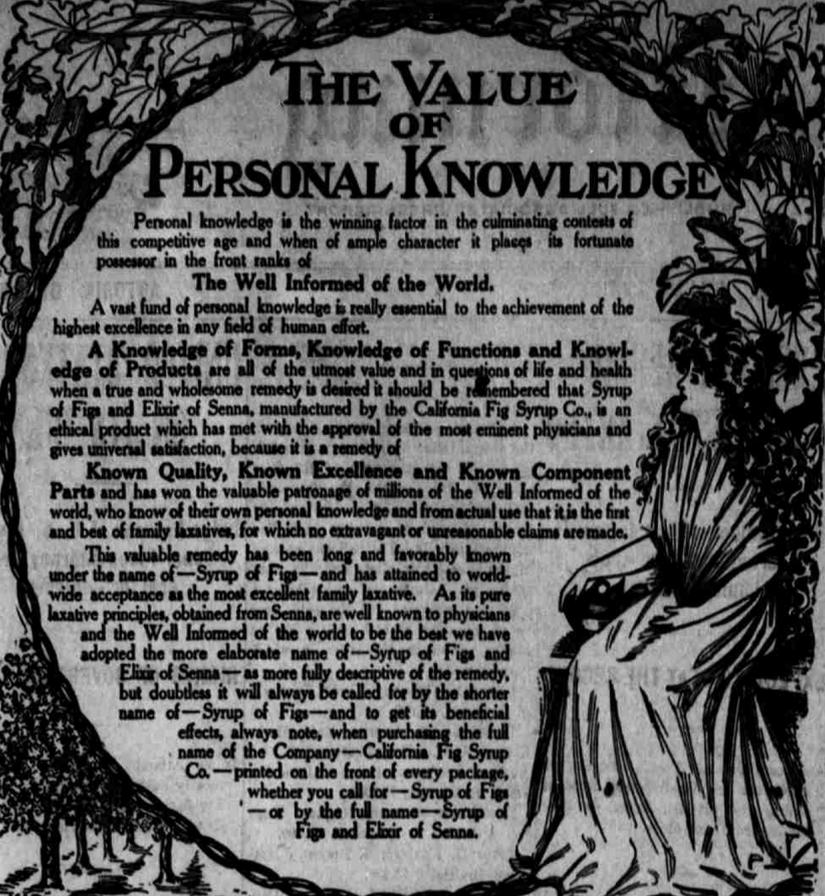
The public feels that it is entitled to know of the acts of public officials, and resents such autocratic defiance of the people's rights.

**FAIR EXCHANGE.**

A New Back for an Old One—How it is Done in Astoria.

The back aches at times with a dull, indescribable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys, and again the loins are so lame to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back in this condition. You cannot reach the cause. Exchange the bad back for a new and stronger one.

Mrs. Nancy Sowell, living on Jefferson street, Hillsboro, Ore., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and think very



**THE VALUE OF PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE**

Personal knowledge is the winning factor in the culminating contests of this competitive age and when of ample character it places its fortunate possessor in the front ranks of

**The Well Informed of the World.**

A vast fund of personal knowledge is really essential to the achievement of the highest excellence in any field of human effort.

A Knowledge of Forms, Knowledge of Functions and Knowledge of Products are all of the utmost value and in questions of life and health when a true and wholesome remedy is desired it should be remembered that Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., is an ethical product which has met with the approval of the most eminent physicians and gives universal satisfaction, because it is a remedy of

Known Quality, Known Excellence and Known Component Parts and has won the valuable patronage of millions of the Well Informed of the world, who know of their own personal knowledge and from actual use that it is the first and best of family laxatives, for which no extravagant or unreasonable claims are made.

This valuable remedy has been long and favorably known under the name of—Syrup of Figs—and has attained to world-wide acceptance as the most excellent family laxative. As its pure laxative principles, obtained from Senna, are well known to physicians and the Well Informed of the world to be the best we have adopted the more elaborate name of—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna—as more fully descriptive of the remedy, but doubtless it will always be called for by the shorter name of—Syrup of Figs—and to get its beneficial effects, always note, when purchasing the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package, whether you call for—Syrup of Figs—or by the full name—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna.

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highly of them. I suffered from attacks of kidney trouble and at times endured much misery. My kidneys were too frequent in action and forced me to arise many times during the night. My back was so sore and lame that I could not stoop or bend over. I tried liniments and plasters, but without any good results. At last Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention and I procured a box. In a short time the pains left my back and my kidneys were restored to their normal and natural condition. I am now well and free from kidney trouble and do not hesitate to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to other sufferers."

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Chas. Rogers' drug store and ask what his customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c.

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sale agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

**Social Dance.**

The girls' basket ball team will give a dance Saturday night, October 19th, at the Uppertown National Hall. All are cordially invited. Gent's, 75 cents; ladies free. 10-15-5t.

**Christmas Excursions.**

It is not too early to make your steamer reservations if you are going to spend Christmas in the Old Country.

The Canadian Pacific gives you the very best service by rail and steamer and their rates are the lowest.

For sailing dates and full particulars, call on James Finlayson, agent, Astoria.

**Change of Firm.**

Mr. Elio has sold the Bond Street Market to P. Bakotich and Feo, who will conduct it in the future.

**Ice Cream....**

Made from Pure Sweet Cream, 40c. Quart.

**Whipped Cream**

40 Cents a Quart

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